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2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are noted and referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designator:

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- D. Dredging underway
- E. Dredging underway
- F. Berth number 5-7
- G. Berth number 16-17
- H. Berth number 3
- I. Berth number 26
- J. Plant under construction
- K. Power Plant
- L. Bolombala Naval Base
- M. Navy Club
- N. Auxiliary Naval Base
- O. Kraanaya Kunitse Shipyard
- P. Port Kzenomiya Ship Repair Yard
- Q. Control Office
- R. Observation Tower
- S. Airfield

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4. Harbor

A total of 26 berths are available at subject port for the lifting of lumber cargoes. Dredging operations were observed at designator D where a large bucket-type dredge was working along the channel in the direction of the pilot station. Dredging was also in progress at designator E where silting occurs, according to source. Two bucket-type dredges were engaged in the latter work.

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7. Harbor Craft

five or six tugs present at subject port.

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Two icebreakers were observed in port.

five merchant freighters strengthened for navigation in ice are being built in Leningrad at the present time. One of these was present at subject port

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8. Berths

wharf number 5-7, labeled designator F, where 262 standards of

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lumber were lifted (See figure 8-a). This is a very difficult berth for a deep draft merchant freighter to reach because of the shallow river depth off the wharf. [redacted] depth of water alongside berth, but [redacted] a 24⁰ draft Soviet merchant vessel berthed there lifting pre-fabricated houses. A large timber mill is located at this berth, and [redacted] an area of about 200 acres covered with stacked timber adjoins the mill. Timber is stacked identically in all storage areas in and about subject port. The lumber boards are piled in a criss-cross fashion with the topmost pieces creosote-treated. Air is permitted to pass between the pieces in this manner, which aids in the proper seasoning of the wood. One woman was assigned to stack the boards on each pile to a height of 15⁰ with the assistance of a stacking machine that carried the boards from the ground to the top of the pile (See figure 8-b). At all berths lumber was brought to dockside by trans[redacted]

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This berth is one of about 10 located alongside the largest sawmill at subject port. Depth alongside at this berth was about 36⁰, [redacted]

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Two vessels may be berthed alongside this wharf. Road used by truck transports to bring timber to dockside passed over a tram track. Depth alongside this wharf is at least 25⁰, [redacted]

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wharf number 26 (See figure 8-e). This wharf can accommodate three 350⁰ merchant vessels. [redacted]

This berth was in by far the worst condition, [redacted] The wharf facing was uneven and was not in good condition. Depth of water, however, was at least 35⁰ [redacted]

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At each of these berths one stevedore gang of two-four men was assigned to each hatch being worked. Two men were assigned to wharf opposite each hatch being worked. Females were employed as tally clerks. The stevedores, [redacted] know their work, but they were slow and plodding. Average monthly rate of pay, [redacted] for stevedoring is two thousand rubles for a six-day week with one day off. Stevedores worked in two 12-hour shifts around-the-clock with necessary time out for meals and change of shifts.

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9. Construction [redacted] a plant under construction at designator J. Three PGL storage tanks about half the size of normal tanks were already erected nearby the new building. [redacted] Maximov, a power plant is located in the direction (043⁰T) of designator K about eight to 10 miles inland from the east bank of the river.

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10. Naval Installations in the Solombala Base Area [redacted] the Solombala naval base at designator L (See figure 10-a) [redacted] is small with only a few buildings, the most prominent of which is a red and white structure at designator M. This building houses the navy club and has a radio aerial on the roof. [redacted] the breadth of the base could be walked in two minutes. The base is enclosed by a fence and is served by road but not railroad clearance. Because small naval craft were observed moored alongside at designator N, [redacted] a small auxiliary naval base is located on Mosyeyev Island at this latter position.

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11. Ship Repair at Krasnaya Kuznitsa Shipyard The Krasnaya Kuznitsa shipyard was on the south end of Solombala Island at designator O (See figure 10-a). This yard was equipped with two three-thousand-ton-capacity floating drydocks. A Soviet "liberty" merchant freighter was observed in two sections in the yard. the vessel's two hull sections will be joined in work done in the two floating drydocks alongside one another. Source also observed another repair yard at Port Ekonomiya, labeled designator P.
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13. Petroleum Facilities at Bakaritsa an eight thousand gross tons Soviet merchant tanker proceeding upstream at designator H heading in the direction of these facilities.
14. Naval Vessels Observed at Subject Port and Underway in Barents Sea Soviet naval vessels observed alongside Solombala naval base at designator L and underway in Barents Sea are reported below:

**Soviet Naval Vessels Observed Moored Alongside
Solombala Base, Archangel, U S S R**

Type	Description
PC	Possibly "Artillerist" Class; approximately 180' in length; (1) 3" single mount forward; (4) AA single mounts aft; (2) bofors amidships; depth charge gear; radar
BC	Possibly "Poryvistyy" Class; approximately 300' in length; gun mounts covered because of rain blocked vision, however, they appeared to be single mounts, except for Browning-type AA in vicinity of bridge; one stack; mine laying gear
FF	Possibly "Dzherzhinskiy" Class; approximately 250' in length
MEF	Possibly German "M-43" Class; (2) 4" single mounts, one forward and one aft; (3) or (4) AA gun mounts

**Soviet Naval Vessels Observed in Barents Sea
Departing Svyatnoseskaya Bay, USSR
(68°40'N, 39°00'E)**

SS (2) (See figure 14-a) Prominent oval-shaped conning tower; traveling on surface at speed of less than nine knots; course, 270°T.

15. Merchant Vessels Present

The Soviet freighter, approximately 10 thousand gross tons, with three hatches forward and three aft was present in subject port. She had aboard a deck cargo of motor launches.

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16. Airfield [redacted] an airfield on Kyego Island at designator S. The field was being actively used by one and two engine propeller aircraft of the Soviet air force. 25X1

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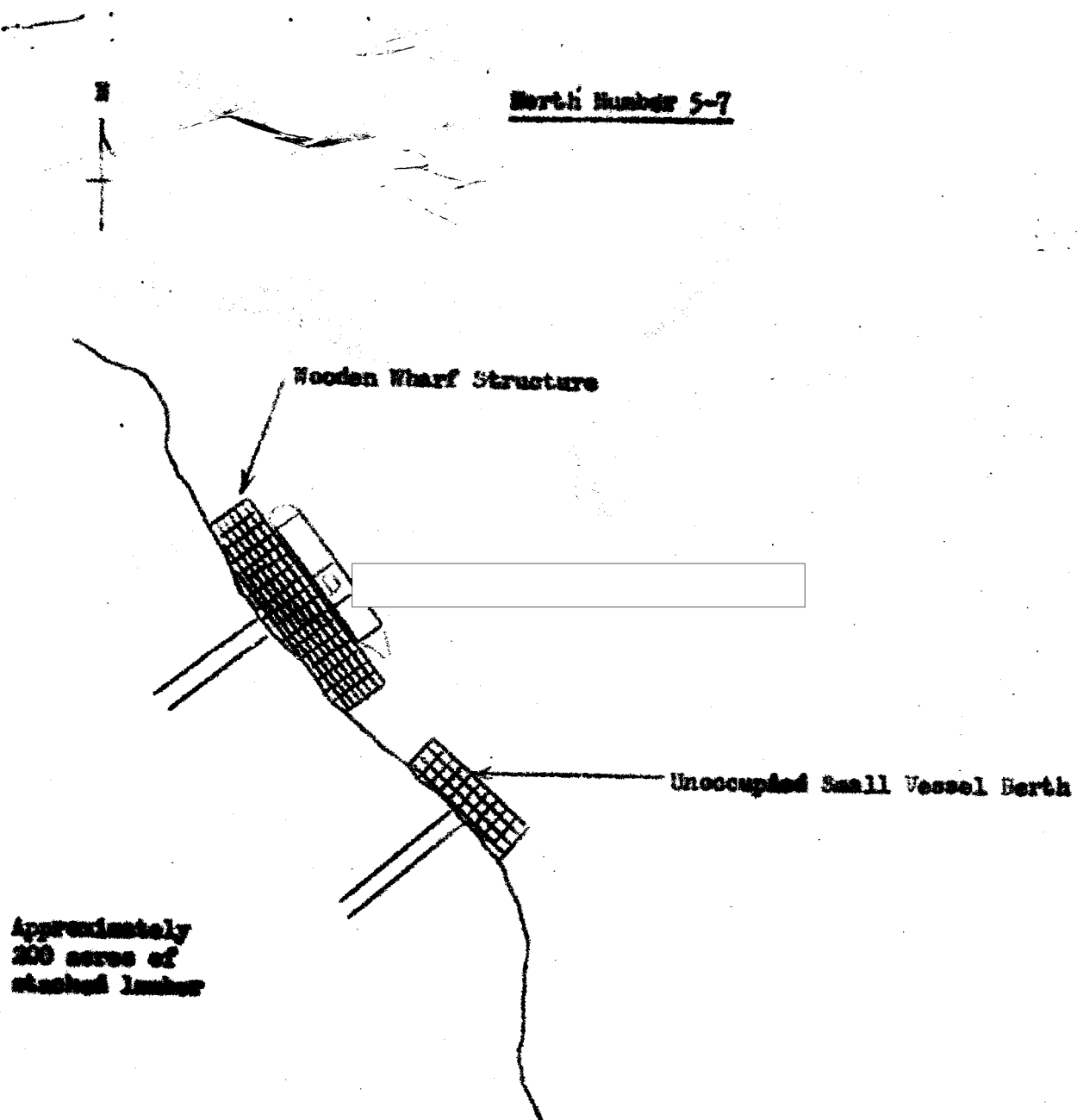
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Figure 8-a

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Method of Lumber Stockpiling

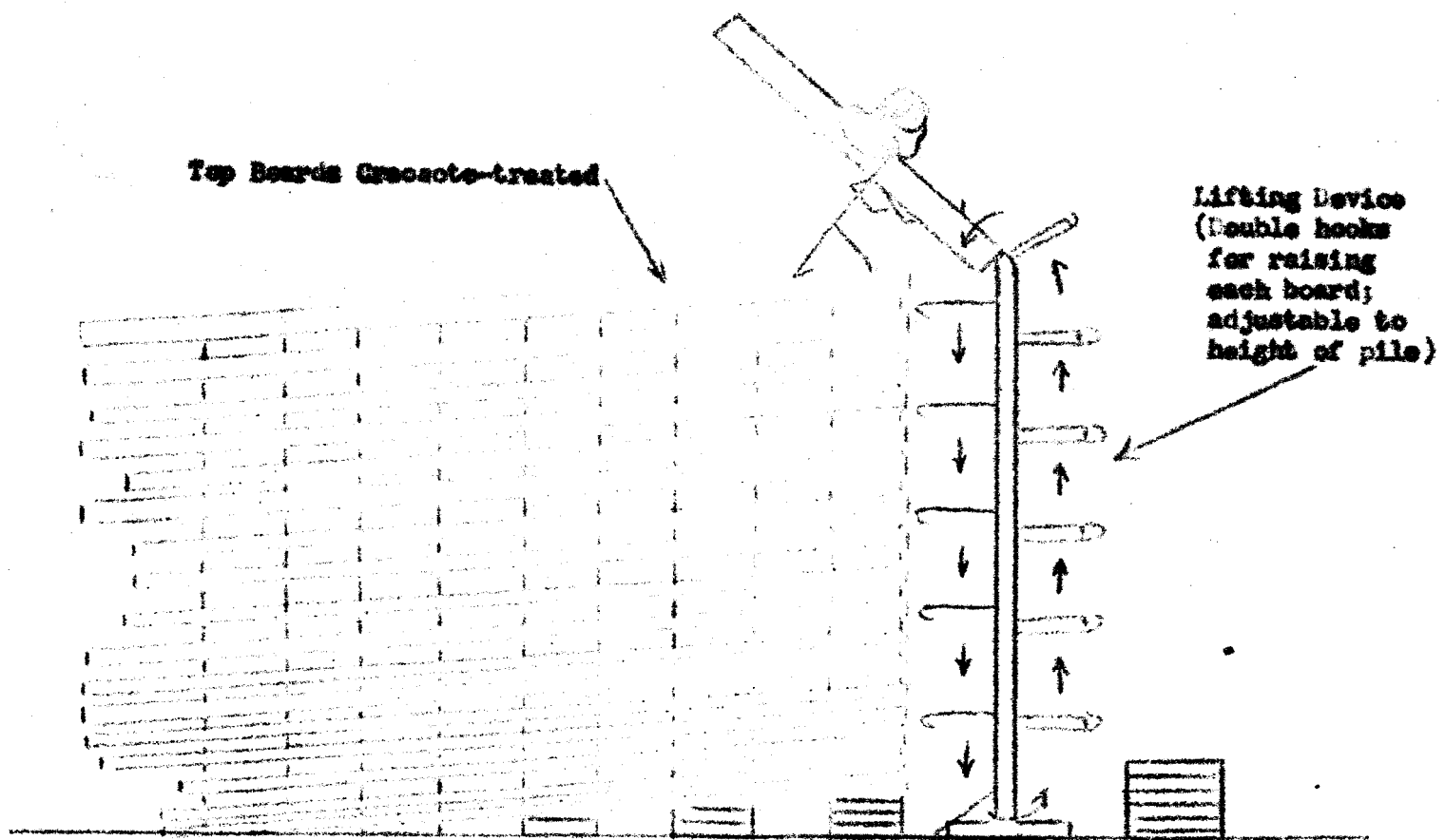


Figure 8-b

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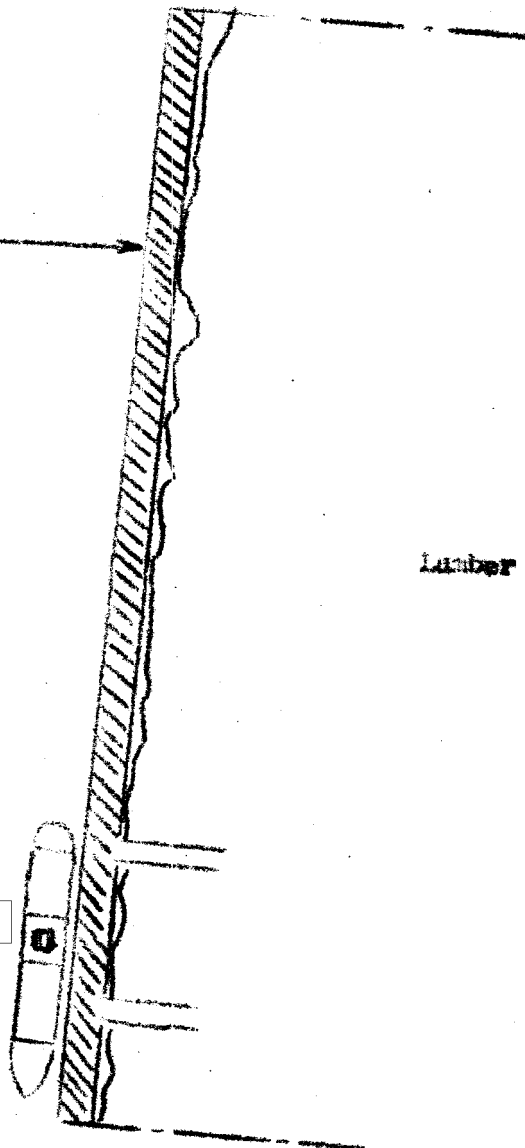
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North Number 16-17

Wooden Wharf Structure
Suitable for Accommo-
dating Ten Vessels

Lumber Storage Area



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Figure 8-c

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Plan View

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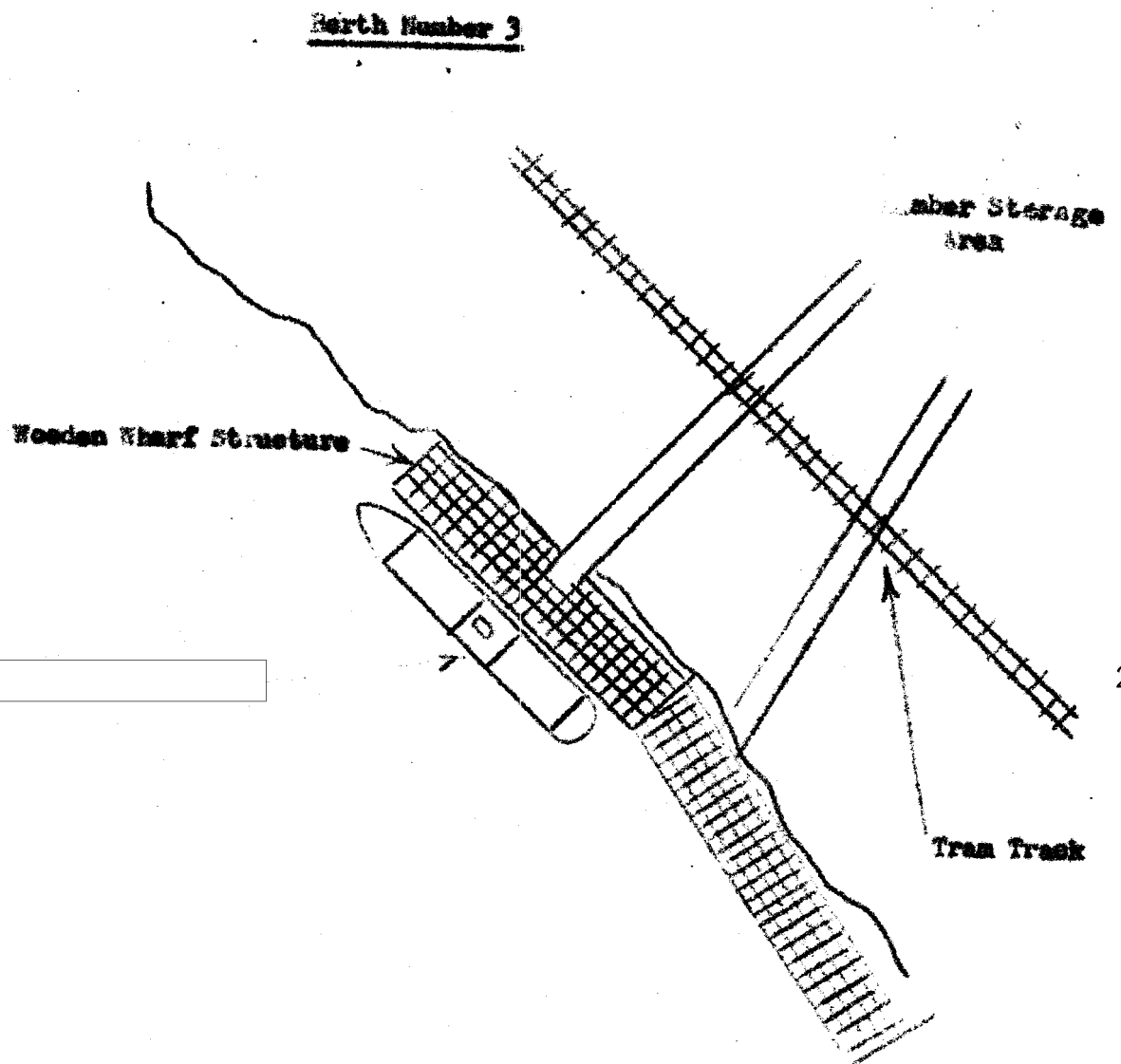


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Plan View
Anchorage, U.S.S.R.

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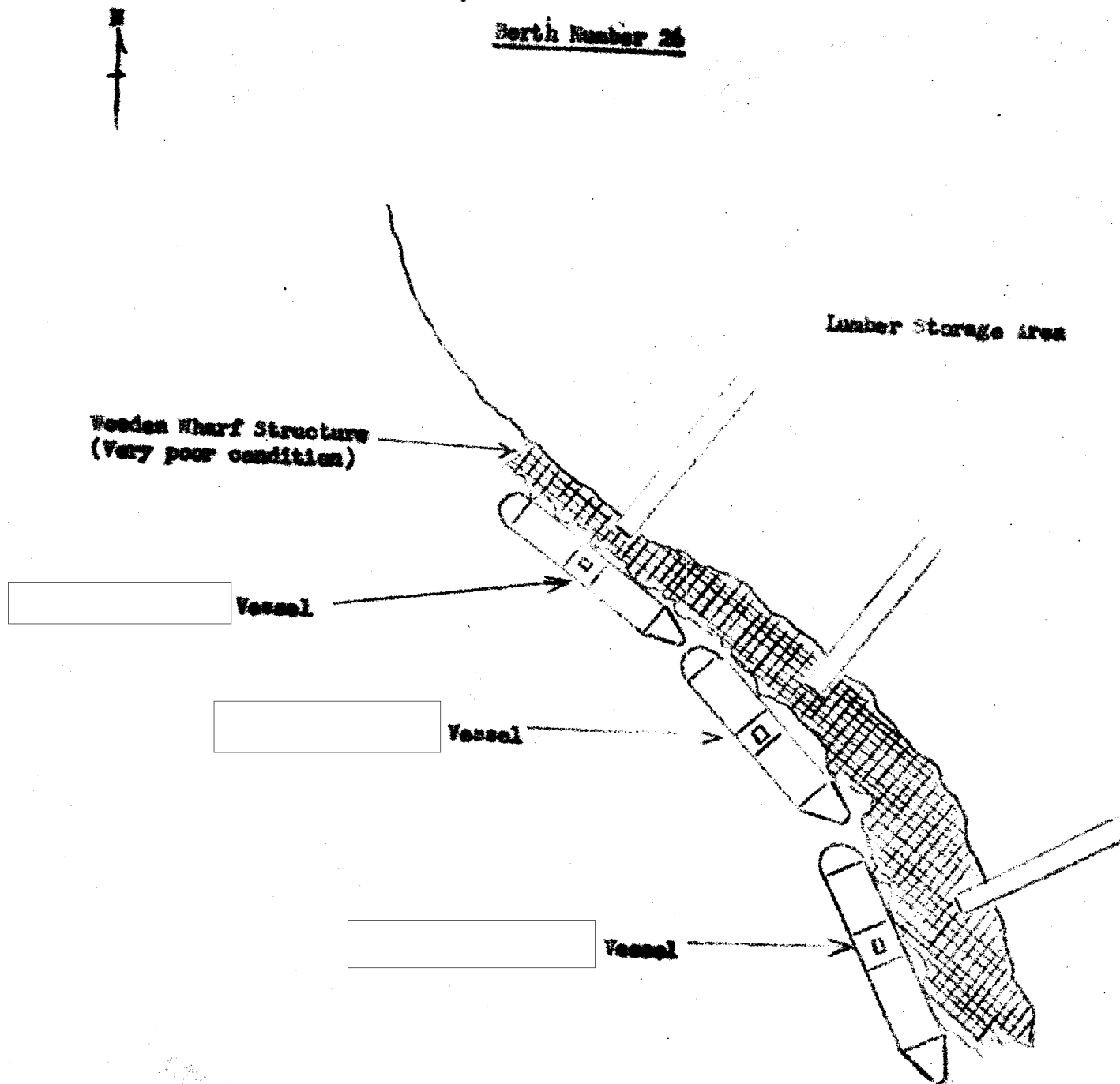


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Plan View
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Selenbala Naval Base and Adjoining Krasnaya Khamnitsa Shipyard

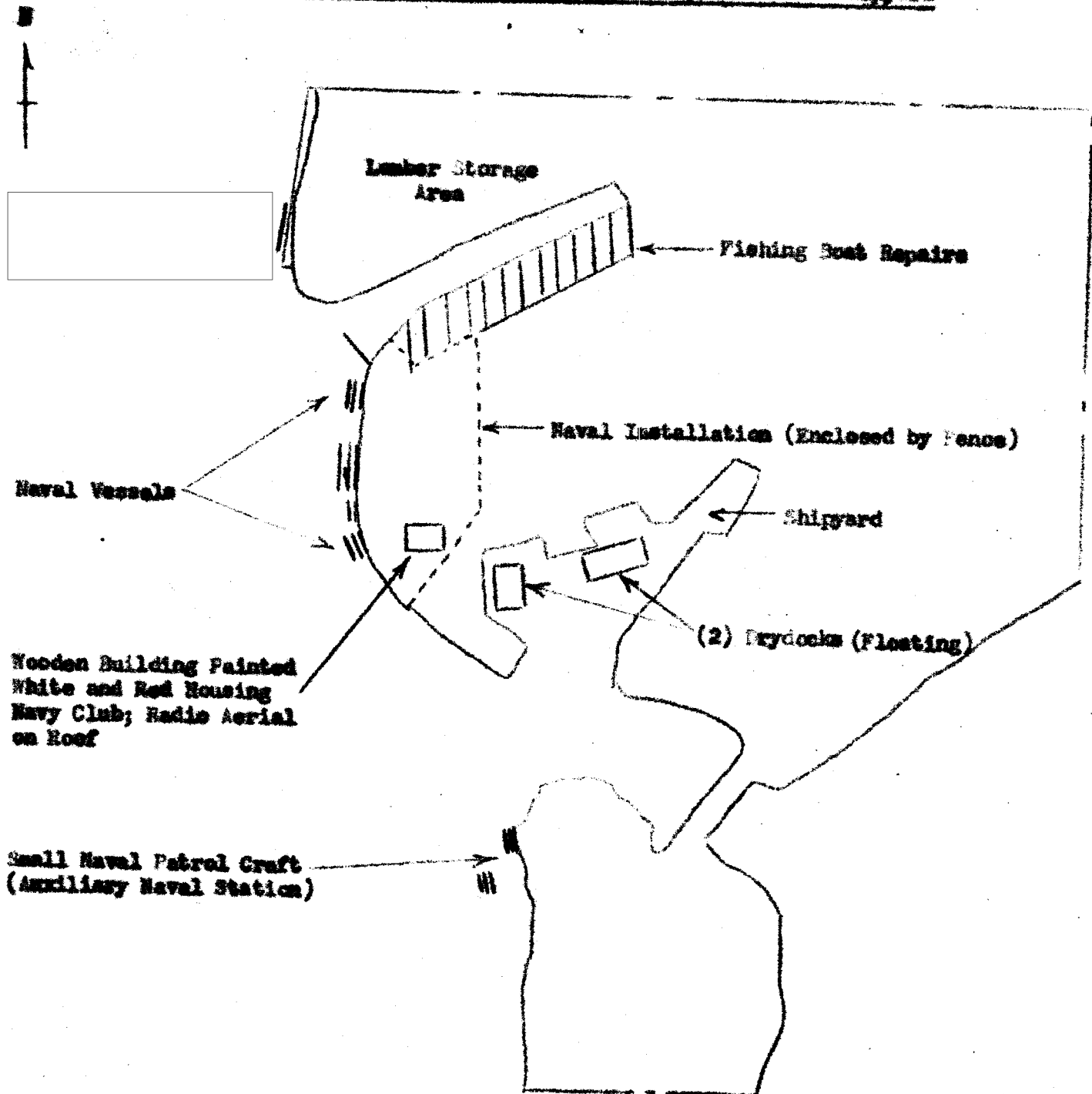


Figure 10-a

Plan View
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Sketch of Soviet Submarine

Most Prominent Feature:
Oval-shaped Conning Tower



Figure 14-a

Departing Syzhnevskaya Bay
65°40'N, 39°00'E

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